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SUMMARY. FOLLOWING IS TENTATIVE LIST OF GOJ DELEGATION
AND COMMENTS BY GOJ OFFICIALS ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. END
SUMMARY.

1. ACCORDING TO FONOFF FIRST INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
(GATT) DIVISION, GOJ REPRESENTATION NOT FINALLY DECIDED.
FONMIN OHIRA WILL BE HEAD OF JAPANESE DEL AND CHAIRMAN
OF MEETING. IT IS EXPECTED THAT FINANCE MINISTER AICHI,
MITI MINISTER NAKASONE, AND AGRICULTURE MINISTER SAKURAUCHI
WILL ALSO BE MEMBERS GOJ DELEGATION, ECONOMIC PLANNING
AGENCY DIRECTOR GENERAL KOSAKA WILL GIVE GOJ PRESENTATION.

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2. ACCORDING CURRENT PLANS, FONOFF ALSO WILL BE REPRE-

SENTED BY DEPUTY VICE MINISTER TSURUMI, AMBASSADOR TO GATT KITAHARA, AND MIYAZAKI (DIRECTOR GENERAL ECON AFFAIRS BUREAU). FOLLOWING SENIOR OFFICIALS PROBABLY WILL ATTEND FROM OTHER MINISTRIES: FINANCE - OKURA (DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR CUSTOMS AFFAIRS), MITI - WADA (DIRECTOR GENERAL, INTERNATIONAL TRADE POLICY BUREAU), AGRICULTURE - UCHIMURA (DIRECTOR GENERAL, ECON AFFAIRS BUREAU) AND ECON PLANNING AGENCY - AOKI (DIRECTOR GENERAL, COORDINATION BUREAU).

3. FONOFF OFFICIALS INDICATED GOJ POSITION FOR MEETING NOT YET FULLY DEVELOPED, BUT FONOFF ITSELF AGREES WITH USG THAT MAIN FUNCTION SHOULD BE TO APPROVE OF QTE TOKYO DECLARATION UNQTE. INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS BY EMBASSY OFFICIALS WITH OFFICIALS OF OTHER MINISTRIES INDICATE LATTER ALSO HOLD THIS VIEW. CONSEQUENTLY, EMBASSY DOES NOT ANTICIPATE THAT JAPANESE DEL WILL RAISE MAJOR NEW ISSUES EITHER IN PLENARY SESSIONS OR IN CORRIDORS.

4. MOF BELIEVES MAIN PROBLEM AT MEETING WILL BE OBTAINING AGREEMENT ON PARA 7 OF TOKYO DECLARATION (LINKAGE WITH PROGRESS ON MONETARY REFORM). GOJ POSITION CLOSER TO THAT OF FRENCH. AICHI SEEKING TO ACHIEVE COMPROMISE BETWEEN FRENCH AND US POSITIONS AND HAS DELEGATED VICE MINISTER INAMURA TO SEEK ACHIEVE THIS DURING MEETING WITH UNDER SECRETARY VOLCKER IN WASHINGTON AND SUBSEQUENT C-20 DEPUTIES MEETING IN PARIS. SHOESMITH

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